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THE HANNA-GABUDELLERS ARE UPON US!

Senator Hanna, who as head of the national Republican committee, will follow the capitalistic onslaught on the Socialist movement in Wisconsin this year, following the underhanded attack made on us in Massachusetts last Fall, and who is on record as saying that the Socialist monster must be grappled with in its strength and obliterated, has written a magazine article in which he says that "the menace of today, as I view it, is the spread of the spirit of Socialism," which he claims is repellent to American ideas of integrity and honesty, when rightly understood. And he continues "there is always a likelihood of movements of this kind fascinating people who have met with a degree of failure in their own efforts... I believe a single vigorous campaign of agitation would quickly show what support these doctrines may expect from the American people." It has been proposed to spend fifty thousand dollars in a "single vigorous campaign" against Socialism, as we showed last week, and Milwaukee is to be the next place of attack.

And Socialism would welcome all this, if the fighting were square and above board, for our principles spread when discussed and argued over. BUT THE HANNA-GABUDELLERS KNOW BETTER THAN TO FIGHT AN HONEST FIGHT. They have vast special interests to be protected, their warfare is of the guerrilla type. THEY SHOOT FROM AMBUSH and are never so filled with malice as when they extend a smiling, patronizing hand. Moreover, they are in possession of all the weapons of guerrilla warfare. They fire at us from public school lecture halls, from behind the desks of corrupt or ambitious labor leaders and the like. They dare not tell the truth about us. That would be telling to our strength.

Wisconsin, as we have said, is to be the next point of attack, and we are preparing for the battle. Our workers must work as never before. Literature must be circulated as never before, more speakers than before must be set at work informing the people of our principles. The enemy will make the best fight it can; we must make the best fight WE can! The first thing is to recruit our army. For this purpose we have started a Special Wisconsin Fund from which to send The Herald ten weeks to a list of five thousand names of persons somewhat inclined toward Socialism. They are men we can get it to them. They can hardly be expected to come to us. Therefore we appeal to every reader to contribute his mite toward this most important work. If we don't win the enemy in Wisconsin it will mean his subsequent downfall at other places. YOU BONT NEED LONG TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND. DO IT AT ONCE. Cut out and sign this blank today and mail it at once:

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Here is a little hit of information for men to ponder over:

Mrs. Eliot is a Member of the Civic Federation!!

This means that in going into the Civic Federation Pres. Gompers, Sam Mitchell and other representatives of organized labor, have joined hands with men who are the open and declared enemies of organized labor! What do you think about it? And do you consider such action an evidence of deep loyalty to the trade union movement? Please hear in mind that the Civic Federation is composed of trust presidents, railroad presidents and men like Hanna who are notorious labor crushers!

The Federation is made up of three classes of members: Representative employers, Representatives of Organized Labor, and Representatives of the Public. Now the list of representatives of the public consists of men like Grover Cleveland, Cornelius Bliss and the like, all of them millionaires! They are supposed to represent the public! O! The shame!

Here are the principal members of the Civic Federation:

Charles W. Eliot: President of Harvard College and the man who said "a hen is a hen."

Samuel Gompers: Head of the organized labor movement in the United States.

John A. Hanna: Multi-millionaire labor crusher. Bank president, Street Railway president, United States senator. Ship owner. Mine owner and president. Capitalist politician and raiser of the multi-million Republicans. President United Mine Workers and man in control of the American Federation of Labor, of which he is first vice president.

John Mitchell: President United Mine Workers and man in control of the American Federation of Labor, of which he is first vice president.

Grover Cleveland: Known to fame as the speculating president. Speculating in What? In the very lives of the working class; speculating to get a share of the plunder taken from labor by the wage system. Corporation lawyer.

John M. Schwab: Trust manipulator and gambler. Charged with various crimes in "high finance." Multi-millionaire.

August Belmont: Plutocratic banker. American representative of the Rothschilds. Officer and director in many large railroad, banking, manufacturing and other corporations. Race-racer. Member of all the most exclusive clubs of New York.

James H. Blaine: Multi-millionaire and capitalistic politician. President Union League Club in New York.

John MacClellan: Multi-millionaire merchant and ex-lawyer of Chicago. Lives in a palace and is willing the workers should live in huck streets.

John A. Chambers: President Glass Co., Capitalist.

John H. Pfeifer: President of the New Trust.

John H. McCoy: President Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad.

John H. Mitchell: President Southern Railroad.

John H. Elkins: Multi-millionaire. Oil magnate. Large owner of company interests. Street railway interests in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Baltimore and Boston.

John H. Underwood: President Erie Capitalist.

John H. Morris: Bank director.

John H. Abbott: President Standard Oil Company.

John H. Morgan: Merchant and

The Gage of Battle Thrown Down in Milwaukee.

The following is the call for a city convention in Milwaukee which has just been issued and which fires the first gun for Socialism in the big battle now just opening there:

AMIDST the cries of public indignation, calls for the punishment of the corruptionists, and denunciation of one old party by the other, calmly and knowing its ultimate purpose rises the organization of the working people, the Social Democratic party, and presents another opportunity to the electors of Milwaukee in the approaching spring election to declare at the polls their choice for future methods and principles in the administration of city affairs.

We make no special accusations and bring no new indictments this year, in spite of all the disclosures of the Grand Jury. To us who have made a study of the capitalistic system, the practical issue of 1904 does not materially differ from the issues of previous elections.

We only call the attention of the voters to the fact that all our charges and arraignments against the old parties have been verified by the old parties themselves.

It is hardly necessary for us to state that the present administration of the city, headed by David S. Rose, has not fulfilled a single one of its promises. Elected upon a municipal ownership platform six years ago and re-elected twice since then, neither Mayor Rose nor those elected with him have made the slightest attempt to prove the sincerity of their professions. On the other hand Mayor Rose and his crowd are reeking with corruption, and we do not hesitate to state that it is only by a queer combination of circumstances that the mayor himself has not been "tackled." In this town as in others, the very name of a Democratic politician has become the synonym for a graft and boodler, for the average Democratic politician has to depend upon bribery and other criminal influences for an election.

As for the Republican party, it has long been known as the party of organized capital. It is the favorite tool of monopoly and corporations in this city as everywhere else. It is the favorite party of the men who buy privileges and franchises, whether it be a single track, a bay window or a whole street car line. The Republican party from of old has been a mouthpiece and the organ of the trusts and quasi-public corporations. The Republican party belongs to them, hide and hair, body and soul. Besides, the Republican politician, as the investigation of the grand jury has proven, is in no respect more honest than his Democratic brother.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties stand for private ownership and private graft. To both Republicans and Democrats the rights of property and the rights of wealth are more sacred than the rights of men.

Exactly the opposite is the case with the Social Democratic Party. The Social Democracy of America is the American expression of the international movement of modern wage workers for better food, better houses, enough sleep, more leisure, more education and more culture.

The Social Democratic Party holds that by the natural development of society this nation has outgrown the old system of government and must throw it off before our national ideal of a government of the people, for the people and by the people can be actually secured. Political liberty alone has become inadequate; we must have both political and economic liberty. To secure this is the aim of the Social Democracy.

The Social Democratic Party stands pledged to the inauguration of a program of municipal ownership as a part of the great revolutionary principle of Socialism, and upon this issue it will enter the approaching election. We are in earnest about municipal ownership, there is not a sensible workingman and not an unprejudiced voter in the country who will doubt this.

To us municipal ownership is only step in the right direction. For let it be understood that we do not regard the mere acquisition by the people of any municipal utility as a solution of the industrial problem. A municipal campaign is for us only a single battle in the age-long conflict and struggle for the complete emancipation of the people from capitalist industry.

We, therefore, in behalf of the Social Democratic Party of the City of Milwaukee, call a convention to be held at Lincoln Hall, on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1904, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a complete city ticket, and to also nominate at the proper time ward officers to be voted for at the election to be held April 5, 1904. And we call upon the workingmen and the honest electors of Milwaukee to hand themselves together in organization in their respective wards for the purpose of arousing the people to the necessity of strong, collective action in their common interest and in opposition to the encroachment of organized capital.

The mode of representation is as follows: Three delegates at large from every ward branch containing less than twenty-five members, and five delegates at large for every branch containing more than twenty-five members, and also an additional delegate for every 100 votes, or major fraction thereof, east at the last general election.

For the Central Committee S. D. P.:

Louis Baier, chairman; John Doerfler Jr., secy.

For the City Central Committee S. D. P.:

E. T. Melms, chairman; Carl P. Dietz, secy.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Jan. 25, 1904.

A MAN IN A GLASS-HOUSE IS THROWING STONES AT US!

"Bebel's 'Woman' is too nasty to be read. Throw it in the fire."

"Woman means nothing to Socialists; she is considered an economic animal. They want to marry and separate each year, each month or each week."

"Eight-tenths of all Socialists are atheists and therefore beasts."

"The system which they advance is too degrading, too base, too vile to be discussed."

"They have attacked everything, including our hearts and our homes."

"If an attempt were made to turn the land back to the state the farmers would rise in arms."

"A man would not have the right to own a hen because she lays eggs and is therefore productive capital."

We quote the above excerpts from the stock in trade lecture against Socialism by the Jesuit, Father Sherman, the degenerate son of "Old Tecumseh," partly to show his venom, his nonsense and disregard for truth, and also to make a comment or two, Sherman is at the head of a so-called Catholic Truth Society, which, so far as Socialism is concerned, deals extensively in untruth. But why should men of the church deal in untruth!

As to Bebel's "Woman in the Past, Present and Future," the fact that it has passed through thirty-one editions, has been translated into nearly every language on the globe, and that its author stands the respected leader of over three millions of voters in Germany, is of itself sufficient answer to Sherman's slanders.

If it were a book that could by any trickery be charged with being immoral, hostile government, under the Socialist-hating Bismarck, the Socialist-hating Emperor William, and the Socialist-hating capitalists of Germany and other countries, would have long ago confiscated it, and especially so in retaliation for the Socialist exposures of the immorality of the great capitalist gun-maker, the late Herr Krupp, who was a close friend of the kaiser's. And in almost the same breath in which Sherman pours the torrents of his filthy imagination upon Bebel's book, he urges his hearers to read the Rev. Thos. Dixon's book "The One Woman." That is to say, he denounces Bebel's book that has never been put under the ban of our capitalistic libraries, and endorses Dixon's book that has only recently been denounced by librarians as unfit for general reading! Draw your own conclusions.

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As To True Brotherhood.

Eugene V. Debs Writes to the New Organization of Railway Men on the Problems Before Them.

To the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees:

You are having, and will continue to have, for some time, an uphill work, but this is the kind strong men undertake and the kind that develops their best qualities and gives their names to history. The opposition you have will serve a beneficent purpose if your members meet it with an unconquerable determination to overcome it and reach their goal.

The railway corporations are all against you for the same reason that they were opposed to the A. R. U., and they are not to be blamed for looking out for their own interests. They are against any organization that attempts to unite their employees. They are for every organization that divides them. The grand officers of the several special class "brotherhoods" travel on annual passes. The officers of your organization pay their fare. It is such an advantage to belong to the former in the way of securing corporation favors and privileges that an army of men keep up their membership in them, though they have not for years been employed in the railway service. While they declare their hostility toward your Brotherhood because of what they call its "mixed" membership, every one of them have every branch of the service represented in their own membership, from a conductor to a policeman.

For many years I have seen and felt the necessity of a united organization of railway employees. The reason for this, in this day of capitalist concentration, is so obvious as to be self-evident. The railroad corporations are, of course, against it. A large number of salaried labor leaders are also against it, notwithstanding their organizations fail every time they are subjected to the supreme test. They failed in 1873, 1888 and in 1894. They will fail again when the crucial test comes in the next twelve months, more or less.

During the "boom" times of the last three or four years the railroads have been "making" an army of new railroad men. The signs of depression are already beginning to appear. The let-down is inevitable, and among the first things that will happen will be sweeping reductions of wages. The army of surplus men will be available in case of a strike, and the leaders will doubtless advise their followers, as they have in the past, that "half a loaf is better than no bread." If under such conditions they strike, they will be beaten, and if they don't strike, their wages will go down and the fruit of their boasted victories will turn to ashes. This has happened over and over again. Must it continue to happen for another century before the eyes of the working victims are opened to the fact that they must unite from end to end of the service and present a solid front to protect their interests?

In their present form the railroads can and do use the "brotherhoods" against each other, and as for any actual federation, it will never be accomplished, for at that point the railroads will fight them, and that is not in harmony with their policy of "identical interests."

The simple, effective way, and only way, to unite railway employees is within a single organization, each class is within its own sub-jurisdiction and in control of its own affairs, subject only to the supervision of the general organization. The United Brotherhood recognizes and acts upon this fundamental principle. Sooner or later the railway employees will have to come to it. It is simply a question as to how long they prefer division to unity, defeat to victory. Your organization is in the critical period of its development, and it remains to be seen if your leaders and rank and file are of the fiber that defies failure and which the coming organization must have to fulfill its mission. Judging from those I have met and know, your membership will stand firm, however severe the tempest may rage, until victory is assured. The next few months will bring you your great opportunity, and I shall hope that, being familiar with the lessons of the past, you will profit by them. When the "panic" comes and thousands are thrown out of work and wages begin to sink, the need of unity will be felt far more than you can teach it and preach it in peaceful times.

The time demands a United Brotherhood with a class-conscious political program. Without the latter it is not much more than a plaything of corporate capital. Teach your members the necessity of working-class political action, so that while striking against the encroachments of the corporation they will at the same time be lining up to abolish capitalism and make the workers, instead of the parasites, the masters of the earth.

Yours fraternally,

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 5th.

Eugene V. Debs

to whether a member is a Christian, an agnostic, a Jew or a pagan, the question simply is as to whether he sincerely wishes to help bring about the abolition of the capitalist system in order to free mankind from wage exploitation etc. The system which the Social Democratic advance is not "too degrading, too base, too vile to be discussed." If it were, the good citizens of this and other countries would not be discussing it, and the manhood and womanhood of this nation would not be attracted to it. And Sherman's claim that we seek to take the farmer's land away from him is also nonsense. And the other quotation, that about the hen being productive capital, which we print above, is simply given to show what sort of foolish statements this clerical juggler is capable of.

O! Ho! So Mayor Rose is dropping his bluff about Milwaukee's being honestly ruled and now wants to know of the aldermen and the big manufacturers if there was any boddle in connection with certain privileges just granted by the council, before he signs the ordinances! When Rose joins the "Stop Thief" crowd, things must be mighty bad, for a fact!

Secretary Cortelyou has just appointed as assistant secretary of the bureau of commerce and labor the secretary of the Central Trust company of Chicago. This country is a democracy, but as long as the plagues have the running of it you may be sure that our "public servants" will come from the ranks of the rich and administer their offices in the interests of the rich.

When Sen. J. Katayama, the Socialist editor from Japan, told a big meeting of Japanese workingmen in Seattle the other night, that the working people of Russia were the brothers of the working people of Japan and that brothers should not fight each other just because their brothers quarreled over prospective spoils, he was loudly applauded. The Socialist party is the only peace party on the globe!

ANTICIPATIONS AND HOPES.

THE GREAT ALFRED RUSSELL WALLACE WRITES OF THE COMING DAYS.

[Wishing to lay before their readers at Christmas time an interesting synopsis of the thoughts with which the elite of mankind look into the future, the "Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger" obtained contributions from the leading personages of the civilized countries. Amongst others, they invited Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, as the co-founder of the evolutionary theory, to join the symposium, but on receiving his MS. they found the opinions expressed therein were too strong for publication in a newspaper published in the Emperor-bullied Empire of Blood and Iron. We print herewith the rejected article, showing where the great scientist stands with regard to the social question.]

I am looking to the coming year with no expectation of any great change, political or social, but with a hope and belief that the great movement among the workers in favor of a more rational and more equitable system of government and of social organization will continue to grow, as it has been growing during the last few years. I trust that, in the more advanced countries—especially in Germany and France—it may become sufficiently powerful, even within the coming year, to exercise a decided control over the king of Christianity—almost un-

reactionary party, and even be able to initiate, and perhaps to secure, some important legislation for the extension of individual freedom, and for checking military expenditure.

As to the future (limiting ourselves here to the twentieth century), I look forward to the same movement as destined to produce great and beneficial results.

The events of the past few years must have convinced all advanced thinkers that it is hopeless to expect any real improvement from the existing governments of the great civilized nations, supported and controlled, as they are, by the ever-increasing power of vast military and official organizations.

These organizations are a permanent menace to liberty, to national morality, and to all real progress towards a rational social evolution. It is these which have given us during the first years of this new century examples of national hypocrisy and crimes against liberty and humanity—so say nothing to carry into effect.

The United States, against their own "Declaration of Independence" and the fundamental principles of their Constitution, have taken away the liberties of two communities—the one, Porto Rico, by mere overwhelming power; the other, the Philippines, after a bloody war against a people fighting for their independence, the only excuse being that they had been purchased, land and people, from their former conquerors and oppressors.

Russia itself, the originator of the Peace Conference, forthwith persecutes Jews and Donkhobors on account of their religion, and takes away the solemnly guaranteed liberties from the Finns, a people more really civilized than their persecutors. All three of these governments, as well as Germany and France, invaded China, and committed barbarities of slaughter, with reckless devastation and plunder, which will degrade them for all time in the pages of history.

Such are the doings of the official and military rulers of nations which claim to be in the first rank of civilization and religion! And there is no sign of any improvement. But for the first time

equaled in the whole course of modern history.

Scarcely was the ink dry of the signatures of their representatives at the Hague Conference, where they had expressed the most humane and elevated ideas as to the necessity for reduction of armaments, for the amelioration of the horrors of war, and for the principle of arbitration in the settlement of national difficulties, than we find all the chief signatories engaged in destroying the liberties of weaker peoples, without any rational cause, and often in opposition to the principles of their own constituents, or to solemn promises by their representatives in actual treaties.

England carried fire and sword into South Africa, and has robbed two republics of the independence guaranteed to them after a former unjust annexation; a crime aggravated by hypocrisy in the pretence that British subjects were treated as "heirs," whereas their own Committee of Inquiry into the War has now demonstrated that it was a pure war of conquest, in order to secure territory and gold mines, determined on years before, and only waiting a favorable opportunity to carry into effect.

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in the history of the world, the workers—the real sources of all wealth and of all civilization—are becoming educated, are organizing themselves, and are obtaining a voice in municipal and national governments. So soon as they realize their power, and can agree upon their aims, the dawn of the new era will have begun.

The first thing for them to do is to strengthen themselves by unity of action, and then to weaken, and ultimately to abolish, militarism. The second aim should be to limit the bureaucracy, and make it the people's servant, instead of its master. The third, to reorganize and simplify the entire legal profession, and the whole system of law, criminal and civil; to make justice free for all, to abolish all legal recovery of debts, and all advocacy paid for by the parties concerned. The fourth, and greatest of all, will be to organize labor, to abolish inheritance, and thus give equality of opportunity to everyone alike. This alone will establish, first, true individualism (which cannot exist under present social

conditions), and, this being obtained, will inevitably lead to a social state adapted to the stage of development of each nation, and of each successive age.

This, in my opinion, is the ideal which the workers (manual and intellectual workers alike) of every civilized country should keep in view. For the first time in human history, these workers are throwing aside international jealousies and hatreds; the peoples of all nations are becoming brothers, and are appreciating the good qualities inherent in each and all of them. They will, therefore, be guilty of folly, as well as crime, if they no longer permit their rulers to drill them into armies, and force them to invade, and rob, and kill each other.

The people are always better than their rulers. But the rulers have power, wealth, tradition, and the invariable love of conquest and of governing others against their will. It is, then, in the People alone that I have any hope for the future of humanity.

Alfred R. Wallace.

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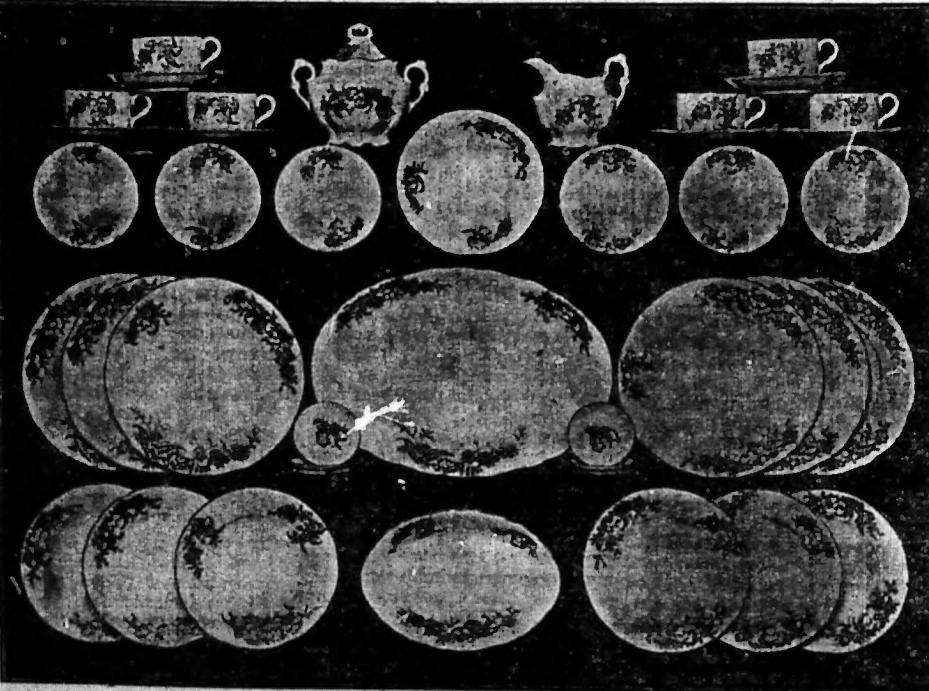
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HABIT OF MERE OPPPOSITION.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, SO-CALLED, BUT NOT SOCIAL. DEMOCRATS, SAYS FRANKLIN H. WENTWORTH.

Written for the Social-Democratic Herald.)

any time by some emotional uprising.

It is this attitude of mental expectancy which retards his translation into a revolutionist, and gives rise to his so-called opportunism. He is earnest and honest; but revolutionary Socialists are not made in a day. Mental habits are strong;—more tyrannous sometimes than habits of body.

The Socialist who has not yet entirely abandoned the Democratic psychology would harass the enemy, would capture an outpost now and then, urges a broad policy that will bring people in, wants to see the party grow.

But water-power is generated by narrow streams—streams pent between rigid barriers. Mere breadth is not desirable unless the dynamic be preserved. It will be a sorry growth that spreads us into mere opposition. We do not wish to keep forever stretching and lumping; we wish to get upon our feet. We must not dissipate our energy in loosening the bandages about one toe while another is being more securely fastened.

What we desire to develop is the irresistible power of the torrent, not the impossible breadth of the fog-bank. No one is afraid of a fog-bank, unless he be at sea; and plutocracy is not at sea; it knows what it is up to.

If Richard Olney, or Grover Cleveland, or Arthur Pue Gorman should be nominated for the presidency by the Democratic party, the Socialist ticket would poll a notably increased vote. But it would be anæsthetic, unhealthy vote, inasmuch as it would make the Socialist party to that extent a vehicle for expressing mere reaction, and when it fell away into its natural channels at the succeeding election the opportunist adherents of the Socialist party would suffer discouragement.

If William Randolph Hearst is nominated this reactionary vote will go where it belongs, and where it is better for the Socialist movement that it should go.

It would seem to be wise that all the manifesto of the Socialist party issued during the coming year should be of such character as only a really class-conscious and revolutionary constituency can subscribe to.

If we leave an aperture for the fog to come in, we may lose ourselves in it until it clears again. Not so many of us may climb the hard slope to the mountain top, but the air is clearer there, and this is our growing time.

We want our brother Democrat whose heart is right; but we want time to assimilate him. He is a danger to us until his head is right. We desire the time to build up in his mind a new psychology which will open a window open toward the miasmatic morass of fusion. For sometimes it must be confessed that he wriggles painfully, striking at imaginary terrors and reaching for imaginary good, when we need his long, strong pull upon the revolutionary trace.

The Democratic party has been of inestimable service to capitalism by giving a warning whenever capitalism has made too rash a step. It has been a sort of faithful friend in pointing out to capitalism the pitfalls of reaction which might have impeded the steady and unceasing subjugation of the working class.

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What International Socialism Demands:

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They Cry for Bread and are Given a Stone!

statement of "What Democracy Now Stands For," and it makes interesting reading. There can be no doubt of the right of Congressman Williams to speak for the party, for he is the leader in the struggle for "democratic" legislation among the Representatives at the very source of national government. True, there is the United States Senate, but it is too far away from the voters to cut much figure in the party's accountability to the voters. It is the lower house congressmen who have to go before the people for an election and who have to show what they stand for to the people.

There is a waning superstition among the voting population that the Democratic party stands for democracy—for the people. Many of the immigrants coming to this country, caught by the word democracy, have voted the Democratic ticket, supposing it actually stood for opposition to capitalism. This idea has also been more or less prevalent among native born members of the wage working class. They have thought, somehow, that that party stood for their political interests, and the stump speakers and candidates of the party have always used enough democratic phrases and snap words to keep this belief afloat.

But it is easy to fix a standard by which to pass judgment on the Democratic party. The greatest conflict in history is upon civilization at this very time. It is the conflict between the workers who have grown restless under economic oppression and their capitalistic exploiters who use the powers of government to make sure of their special privilege to exact a parasitic living out of those who toil, by virtue of their ownership of the machinery and the forces of production. A party, to be in the interests of the working class, would naturally have to take a stand on this great question. Now, how is it with the Democratic party?

We look through Congressman Williams's article in vain to find even a faint reference to the labor problem. Not a line, not a sentence about it. He does not appear to know that it exists, although in reality he certainly knows it very well. His entire article is taken up with tariff haggling talk, with chatter about equality of burdens in the treatment of shippers by railroads, with discussions of banking problems and finance problems, with a brief reference to trusts, which he thinks are less a danger than was supposed, with a few phrases about the Philippines, and the declaration that his party means to be all right on the Panama canal question, and further he saith not.

So here we have the position of the Democratic party brought up to date by an accredited mouthpiece of the party. What is there in it all to attract a wage worker? The wage workers' interests are made to appear, or we are to suppose them to be identical with those of the small capitalist.

The people cry for bread, and these statesmen give them tariff talk! Socialists charge that the Republican and Democratic parties are merely the two wings of capitalism in politics, and that through these two wings the capitalist class keeps the working class divided politically and therefore renders that class harmless so far as its menace to the right to exploit the laborer goes.

The working class is in distress. The people generally are groaning under burdens and anxieties that take the pleasure out of living and entail all manner of resulting hardships. The few are rioting in unearned wealth, produced by the toil of the plundered many. There are habits of mind, of course, that keep many men from opening their eyes to the actual situation. They suffer in silence, in stolid acquiescence to the system that is eating at their very vitals. But, Mr. Workingman, you not only owe it to yourself to wake up, you owe it to the dear ones dependent on you, you owe it to posterity to look actual conditions full in the face. You know what a humbug the Republican talk of a "full dinner pail" was, and we urge you to read Congressman Williams's article to see how little there is in the Democratic party for you. Wake up, rub your eyes, and then read the Social Democratic platform and take a good think over it.

Winfield R. Gaylord, state organizer for the Wisconsin Socialists, has sent a challenge to a debate to Father Sherman, which up to the time of going to press (Friday) had not been accepted. In a recent speech in Milwaukee, Sherman said the time had come for the priests to step into the arena and meet the Socialists "eye to eye and face to face." Comrade Gaylord tried to get some satisfaction from Sherman in Racine, Wis., some months ago, but the clerical gentleman was too slippery and wouldn't answer a single question. If it is possible now to draw him into a public debate, the effort will not be lacking on the part of the Wisconsin Socialists who have been wantonly vilified by the conscienceless Sherman.

Frank G. Carpenter, the newsman, has just interviewed Senator Hanna on the question of prosperity and labor. And Hanna said some things that it is well to consider. For instance he said that the present hard times were not caused by either labor or capital. "The chief reasons," he said, "are the natural ones of oversupply and under-demand. You remember the business situation from 1893 to 1898. We had been over-producing and the market was glutted. Business came almost to a standstill. Everyone bought as little as he could. At the same time capital became timid," and it seems that Hanna, like other big capitalists, is sort of timorous himself, for he says, "In times like these, the sensible man trims his sails and keeps close to shore. I began to do so more than three months ago." When Hanna says the reason for hard times is overproduction and

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SAID A DELEGATE TO THE BOSTON CONVENTION OF THE A. F. of L. "At the head the Federation is conducted in an aristocratic way. I had it impressed on me that the men at the head of the General Labor Movement in this country have only one interest in the Labor Movement, and that is a Personal Interest. They want the rank and file to keep quarreling—it doesn't bother them any. While the convention was on, Mitchell and Gompers were dined at a fashionable club (which, by the way, was on the unfair list of the Boston Central Body) by Pres. Eliot of Harvard College, the man who says that a scab is a hero."

T. V. Powderly used to say: "When a labor leader begins to please the capitalists, look out for him!" And Powderly ought to know!

"Upon what food does this our Gompers feed, that he has become so great?"—Shakespeare up to date.

Answer.—He feeds upon Hanna's wine and Pres. Eliot's scab club banquets, so it is related!

MEMORIAL FOR McCARTNEY.—Subscription lists are being circulated by the MacCartney Memorial Committee of Massachusetts for the purpose of raising \$2,500 with which to erect a memorial to the late Socialist legislator. It is proposed to have a bronze bust made by a famous sculptor. During his fatal illness, MacCartney requested that he be buried at Rockland Mass., and it is proposed to purchase a lot and erect a memorial at that place. It was Comrade MacCartney who placed Dobs in nomination for the presidency of the United States at the Indianapolis convention of our party in 1900.

The Massachusetts legislature has subscribed \$75 toward the fund, various Massachusetts organizations have subscribed sums from \$100 down to \$25 and the Massachusetts Socialists have also subscribed very liberally. Donations should be sent to Comrade A. S. Peterson, secretary, Rockland, Mass.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.—The following contributions have been made to the National Organizing Fund since last report:

G. H. Strobel, Newark, N. J. \$30.00
Branch 1, Local Neenah, Wis. 225
Julius Mohus, Herman, Mo. 50
W. H. Schock, Plateau, Utah. 100

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State Secy. Martin of Colorado reports the re-election of National Committee Flobaten.

The election of National Committee-man for Alabama for 1904 resulted in B. Andrews of Patton being elected.

The election of National Committee-man from Minnesota for 1904 resulted in S. M. Holman being chosen.

The Michigan state convention of the Socialist party has been called to meet Lansing, Feb. 26.

The following dates have been arranged for Franklin and Marion Wentworth for their eastern tour: Feb. 7, Cincinnati; 9, Toledo; 10, Cleveland; 13, Baltimore; 14, Washington, D. C.; 15 and 16, Reading, Pa.; 17, 18, 19, New York City.

The lecture tour of James F. Carey under direction of the national headquarters has so far been remarkably successful. The meetings at Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Ky., are reported among the best ever held at those places. In Cincinnati the hall was filled and the doors had to be closed to prevent over-crowding. While in Colorado in February, Comrade Carey will spend a week in the southern coal mining district among the strikers at the expense of the national office.

Dates are being arranged by the National Secretary for A. M. and May Wood Simons for their eastern tour to begin Mar. 20, for four weeks.

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WISCONSIN STATE BOARD.

The State Executive Board met Jan. 23 with all resident members present except E. Seidel. B. Saltiel of the non-resident members was also present. H. Tuttle requested to go on record in endorsement of the action taken by the Board at its special meeting of Jan. 16, where C. A. Born was found guilty of the charges preferred against him and expelled from the party. W. H. Phelps of Janesville and H. J. Annemann of Kiel also wrote to express their endorsement of these actions.

A charter was granted to Mosinee, and to West Allis on condition of the approval of the City Central Committee. R. Saltiel presented his resignation from the State Executive Board, since he was now a resident of Milwaukee, he is no longer eligible as a non-resident member. The appointment of his successor was laid over till the next meeting. A bill of \$33.55 for printing was allowed. It was voted that at the next meeting the board shall take up the matter of an appeal to the comrades in the state for a campaign fund for the spring municipal campaign in cities of the second class. It was decided to send out an appeal to the entire Socialist press and to the State Secretaries of the Socialist party, asking for assistance in the Wisconsin campaign, to offset the special efforts of the old parties, who, it is reported, have sent \$30,000 into the state to fight the Social Democrats. Berger and Tuttle were appointed a committee to draft this appeal. The Board also voted to endorse the Herald's Special Wisconsin Fund. The committee to draw up a statement upon the Born case were given three days more time, with power to issue the statement. A report presented by W. R. Gaylord and R. Saltiel upon their organization trip to Sheboygan will be found in another column.

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THE CITY CAMPAIGN OPENS!

The City Candidates will be Nominated at Lincoln Hall, February 27.

LIST OF MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS.

The most notable campaign the Social Democrats of Milwaukee ever entered into opens next Thursday evening with a mass meeting at the North Side Turner hall, Walnut street, between Tenth and Eleventh, at which the principal speaker will be National Committeeman John M. Work, of Des Moines, Ia. From then on there will be a continuous round of campaigning with speakers and with special distributions of literature. The list of notable speakers from outside of the state has already been published and below will be found a list of the halls and speakers by dates for the first few weeks of the campaign. It is not alone the duty of every Socialist to attend these meetings, but he should also bring a non-Socialist with him, and especially work to get those who know nothing about Socialism, but who are inclined to vote our ticket because of the rottenness of capitalistic administrations to get such men to go too. It is for just such that speakers of national reputation are brought here. We

will get a large vote this year people friendly to us, but who know little of our principles. It is our duty in this campaign to educate these people, so they will understand just what they vote for.

The city convention of the party will be held at Lincoln hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 27. The basis of representation will be three delegates for each ward branch having less than twenty-five members and two delegates for branches having over twenty-five. Added to these, each ward is entitled to one extra delegate for each 100 votes cast in the last county election for sheriff, or major fraction thereof. Based upon this rule the representation in the convention by wards will be as follows: First ward 5 delegates; Second ward 7; Third ward 4; Fourth ward 5; Fifth ward 7; Sixth ward 8; Seventh ward 4; Eighth ward 7; Ninth ward 14; Tenth ward 11; Eleventh ward 16; Twelfth ward 11; Thirteenth ward 9; Fourteenth ward 8; Fifteenth ward 7; Sixteenth ward 5; Seventeenth ward 9; Eighteenth ward 6; Nineteenth ward 8; Twentieth ward 16; Twenty-first ward 12; Twenty-second ward 11; Twenty-third ward 7—a total of 196. These delegates are to be elected at once in regular or special meetings of the branches. Care must be taken that those elected live in the ward concerned and that they are of voting age.

Here is the list of meetings and speakers as far as completed: Feb. 1, Peterson's hall, 2714 North ave., John M. Work, of Iowa. Patternmakers' meeting, Lipp's hall, Third street, Feb. 2, John M. Work, and Carl D. Thompson of Nebraska. Feb. 4, North Side Turner hall, John M. Work. (Feb. 5 and 6, Work speaks at Green Bay). Feb. 7, F. E. Seeds of Covington, Ky., at National hall. Feb. 9, South Side Turn hall, F. E. Seeds. Feb. 14, Thomas hall, Eighteenth ward, James H. Brower of Elgin, Ills.

Feb. 18, Humboldt hall, James H. Brower. Feb. 21, National hall, Max S. Hayes of Cleveland, O. Feb. 25, Century hall, North ave. and Farwell, Max S. Hayes. Feb. 26, South Side Armory, Max S. Hayes. Feb. 29, Century hall, F. G. Strickland of Ohio. March 3, Odd Fellows hall, Bay View, F. G. Strickland. March 8, Bahn Frei Turn all, North ave. near Twelfth, A. M. Simons of Chicago. March 15, Liedertafel hall, Prairie and Seventh streets, John W. Slatton of New Castle, Pa. March 20, National hall, Grove st., J. Mahlon Barnes of Philadelphia.

Tonight at the Expo! The Monster Carnival of the Party will tickle you almost to death.

The Socialists of the northwest side, Milwaukee, will start a Sunday afternoon lecture course at Siegel's hall, northwest corner of Twelfth and Walnut streets, tomorrow, Sunday, Jan. 31. Carl D. Thompson of Nebraska will be the speaker, his subject being: What Socialism Means to Every Wage Worker. This lecture course is intended to interest the people of the entire northwest district of the city, and deserves a large attendance. The lecture will begin at 3 p.m., and there will be, as usual, a general discussion before the close of the meeting.

Don't miss the opening meeting of the campaign. John M. Work of Iowa, at North Side Turn Hall, Thursday evening, February 4th, 1904.

The presence of a notorious La Follette ward heeler on the new grand jury is one of the signs of the times!

The Milwaukee council showed suspicious haste in hurrying through an ordinance taxing the tally-ho coaches, suspicious when it is remembered that the measure originated with John I. Beggs, who wants to run special sight-seeing street cars about the city in connection with the boat lines, and also suspicious when it is remembered how certain boodle measures were put through in the past.

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The grand jury is said to be up a stump with regard to the big corruptors of the aldermen, because the big fellows offered no bribes personally, but worked through agents who can be counted on to stand pat.

A correspondent signing himself "new Socialist" wants to know what can be done with the wretched service on the North avenue car line. Nothing, at present. But if the people will stop voting for capitalism something can be done before long. Try it.

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